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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited by the Examiner in the Search report of the corresponding European application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are provided herewith.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 347 596 A2
2. European Patent Application No. 0 074 253 B1
3. European Patent Application No. 0 017 396 A1
4. Great Britain Patent Application No. 1 523 028

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In the European Search Report, Documents 1-4 were cited as being a "A" category document - technical background.

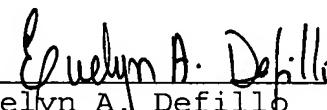
Documents 1-4 are in the English language.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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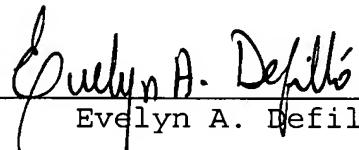
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